

Party/Independent MP	Survey question			
	Will your political party, and its representatives elected at the 2019 NSW Election, commit to supporting and delivering in the next term of the NSW Parliament:			
	1. an ongoing NSW Co-operative Development Program, developed in partnership with the NSW co-operative sector, that delivers at least \$5 million of assistance each year for the establishment of new co-operatives and the development of existing co-operatives in NSW? Yes/No (If no, why not and what would you commit to in this area?)	2. a secondary school co-operative education program, developed in consultation with the NSW co-operative sector and incorporated into the curriculum, so that the co-operative enterprise alternative is taught in schools across NSW? Yes/No (If no, why not and what would you commit to in this area?)	3. a review of all NSW government tender and grant processes, and changes made if necessary to these processes, to ensure that co-operatives are not excluded on the basis of their organisational structure from NSW government tender and grant processes now and into the future? Yes/No (If no, why not and what would you commit to in this area?)	4. appropriate ongoing extra funding for NSW Fair Trading so that it can, in consultation with the NSW co-operative sector, expand and improve its annual collection of data on NSW co-operatives, collate the data and publish it in user-friendly formats? Yes/No (If no, why not and what would you commit to in this area?)
	Survey response			
Animal Justice Party	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Australian Conservatives (NSW)	No response			
Christian Democrats	No. The CDP supports non-discriminatory law; One Law for All. As such we recognise co-operatives as another form of business and would only afford to them benefits that other companies also receive.	We support officialising co-operatives in the curriculum but the co-operative structure is already taught across NSW secondary schools in the "Business" subject.	Yes	No. We believe the NSW Fair Trading has an adequate budget to fulfil its role. In its most recent Year-in-Review, it reported its capacity to fulfil all of its duties within the current budget it has.
The Greens	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Labor	<p>Labor recognises the long history between the co-operative movement and the labour movement. The election of a Daley Labor Government will see more attention and more resources directed towards the support of the co-operative movement in NSW.</p> <p>Labor will allocate an additional \$3.15 million over 4 years to establish a Co-operatives Unit within Government. The unit would be established within the Industries cluster, recognising the current and future role that can be played by established and new co-ops to the NSW economy. Existing resources and programs regarding co-operatives would be added to the new unit.</p> <p>Identified priorities for the unit are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Prepare a report on the state of play on the size and nature of the co-operative network in NSW and improve the reliability of data on NSW Co-ops · Work within Government to address barriers in terms of eligibility for grants and Government procurement, establish networks in existing agencies and programs · Community awareness, education (Secondary and TAFE), advocacy within Government, industry, the financial sector and the broader community · Review the NSW Government Co-operative Loan Scheme to assess relevance, take up, barriers and possible expansion of scheme to all of NSW. <p>A Labor Government would work closely with organisations such as Co-op NSW to ensure resources are allocated wisely and productive working relationship emerges between Co-ops NSW, the Government, the tertiary sector and co-operatives through NSW.</p>			
Liberal Democrats	No. The Liberal Democrats support the cooperatives model and commit to reducing taxes affecting cooperatives,	No. To the extent that school children are taught about organisational structures they should be taught about cooperatives. However the	Yes	No. Taxpayers should not be burdened so that a private part of society can enjoy better data. The proposed expansion

	including stamp duties, payroll taxes and, at the federal level, income tax.	Liberal Democrats will not micro-manage school curricula to dictate that school children need to be taught about organisational structures.		of data collection from cooperatives could involve mandatory reporting by cooperatives and hence increase the red tape burden on cooperatives.
Liberals Nationals	<p>The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government supports co-operatives in a number of ways, including by maintaining the NSW Fair Trading Registry Service that provides information on establishing and running a co-operative and by chairing the Co-operatives National Law Working Party (Working Party). The Working Party is a policy forum which brings together all State and Territory administrators of the Co-operatives National Law (CNL), as adopted by NSW under the Co-operatives (Adoption of National Law) Act 2012 and associated Regulation.</p> <p>The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government took a lead role in preparing the national laws and continues to work with other States and Territories in the staged commencement of the CNL.</p> <p>[We] encourage Co-ops NSW to engage with NSW Fair Trading and the Working Party on alternative measures to support co-operatives.</p>	Under the Local Schools, Local Decisions strategy, principals may run programs that they think suit the needs of their school communities which may include co-operative education.	The NSW Liberals & National Government is open to further discussion of matters raised by Co-ops NSW in relation to the tenders and grants process.	<p>Over the past term, the Liberals & Nationals Government has made available significant new data sets for public use, in accordance with the NSW Government's Open Data policy.</p> <p>NSW Fair Trading publishes on its website an up-to-date list of all co-operatives registered in NSW. The list is in alphabetical order and includes each co-operative's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Registration number; · Legal entity name; and · Registered address. <p>In early 2019, the Working Party discussed approaches from the Business Council of Co-operatives and Mutuals, as well as Co-ops NSW, to expand data collection and publication. These approaches are under further consideration, particularly with regard to the secrecy provisions of the CNL.</p>
One Nation	I have been a very strong supporter of the cooperatives movement for many years and have written extensively about the importance of mutuals and mutualism in our society. You can count me as an ally. If elected to NSW parliament in two weeks' time I would very much like to meet and develop a detailed policy agenda for assisting cooperatives in NSW. (Mark Latham)			
Shooters, Fishers and Farmers	No response			
Socialist Alliance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Small Business Party	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greg Piper MP (Lake Macquarie)	No response			
Alex Greenwich MP (Sydney)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Joe McGirr MP (Wagga Wagga)	No response			